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1.	This report is the international preliminary examination report, established by this International Preliminary Examining Authority under Article 35 and transmitted to the applicant according to Article 36.
2.	This REPORT consists of a total of <u>3</u> sheets, including this cover sheet.
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Box No. I Basis of the report

1. With regard to the **language**, this report is based on the international application in the language in which it was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.
- ☐ This report is based on translations from the original language into the following _____, which is the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of:
- ☐ international search (Rule 12.3 and 23.1(b))
- ☐ publication of the international application (Rule 12.4)
- ☐ international preliminary examination (Rule 55.2 and/or 55.3)
2. With regard to the **elements** of the international application, this report is based on *(replacement sheets which have been furnished to the receiving Office in response to an invitation under Article 14 are referred to in this report as "originally filed" and are not annexed to this report)*:
- ☐ the international application as originally filed/furnished
- ☒ the description:
- pages 1, 8-45 as originally filed/furnished
- pages* 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 7/1 received by this Authority on 04.08.2005
- pages* _____ received by this Authority on _____
- ☒ the claims:
- nos. 8, 13-15, 20 as originally filed/furnished
- nos.* _____ as amended (together with any statement) under Article 19
- nos.* 1-7, 9-12, 16-19 received by this Authority on 04.08.2005
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- ☒ the drawings:
- sheets Fig. 1-18 as originally filed/furnished
- sheets* _____ received by this Authority on _____
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- ☐ a sequence listing and/or any related table(s) – see Supplemental Box Relating to Sequence Listing.
3. ☐ The amendments have resulted in the cancellation of:
- ☐ the description, pages _____
- ☐ the claims, nos. _____
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- ☐ any table(s) related to sequence listing (*specify*): _____
4. ☐ This report has been established as if (some of) the amendments annexed to this report and listed below had not been made, since they have been considered to go beyond the disclosure as filed, as indicated in the Supplemental Box (Rule 70.2(c)).
- ☐ the description, pages _____
- ☐ the claims, nos. _____
- ☐ the drawings, sheets/figs _____
- ☐ the sequence listing (*specify*): _____
- ☐ any table(s) related to sequence listing (*specify*): _____

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Box No. V	Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement																					
1. Statement	<table><tr><td rowspan="2">Novelty (N)</td><td>Claims</td><td><u>1-20</u></td><td>YES</td></tr><tr><td>Claims</td><td></td><td>NO</td></tr><tr><td rowspan="2">Inventive step (IS)</td><td>Claims</td><td><u>1-20</u></td><td>YES</td></tr><tr><td>Claims</td><td></td><td>NO</td></tr><tr><td rowspan="2">Industrial applicability (IA)</td><td>Claims</td><td><u>1-20</u></td><td>YES</td></tr><tr><td>Claims</td><td></td><td>NO</td></tr></table>	Novelty (N)	Claims	<u>1-20</u>	YES	Claims		NO	Inventive step (IS)	Claims	<u>1-20</u>	YES	Claims		NO	Industrial applicability (IA)	Claims	<u>1-20</u>	YES	Claims		NO
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2. Citations and explanations (Rule 70.7)	<p>Document 1: JP 2002-109494 A (Dainippon Printing Co., Ltd.), 12 April 2002, paragraphs [0018] to [0058]</p> <p>Document 2: JP 2001-297316 A (Mitsubishi Electric Corporation), 26 October 2001, paragraphs [0028] to [0071]</p> <p>Document 3: JP 2003-36205 A (Matsushita Electric Industrial Co., Ltd.), 7 February 2003, paragraphs [0041] to [0043]</p> <p>The invention set forth in claims 1 to 20 is not disclosed in any of the documents, and would not be obvious to a person skilled in the art. The feature set forth in claims 1, 18 and 19, wherein "the access upper limit is calculated...and operating conditions are set...according to the type of command", is not disclosed in any of the documents cited in the international search report, and would not be obvious to a person skilled in the art.</p>																					